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1. Economy

- 1) Recently Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee decided to continue with its accommodative stance this fiscal.
Accommodative monetary policy means
 - a) Central bank will alter rates in any direction to control the money supply in the system.
 - b) Central bank will increase rates to reduce money in the financial system
 - c) Central bank will cut rates to inject money into the financial system whenever needed
 - d) Central bank will keep the policy rates unchanged

- 2) Which of the following constitute failure to achieve the inflation target in India?
 1. The average inflation is more than the upper tolerance level of the inflation target for any three consecutive quarters
 2. The average inflation is less than the lower tolerance level for any three consecutive quarters

Select the correct answer code:

 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both a and b
 - d) Neither a nor b

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Primary deficit.
 1. The primary deficit is the sum of Fiscal deficit and interest payments.
 2. It includes the burden of the past debt.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 4) Tax buoyancy refers to the responsiveness of tax revenue growth to changes in GDP. If there is an output growth and the tax buoyancy is not commensurate, then it can imply
 - a) There is tax evasion
 - b) Growth in the non-taxed part of GDP
 - c) Both a and b
 - d) Neither a nor b

- 5) With reference to Union Budget, which of the following is/are covered under Capital receipts?
 1. Disinvestment
 2. Interest and dividend on government investment

3. Funds from Public Provident Fund
4. Revenue from Income tax

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
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- 6) Consider the following statements regarding Government securities, or G-secs.
 1. Government securities are debt instruments issued by the government to borrow money.
 2. Treasury bills are long-term instruments, which mature anywhere between 5 years and 40 years.
 3. Dated securities are short-term instruments which mature in less than 365 days.
 4. Like bank fixed deposits, g-secs are not tax-free.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

 - a) 1, 2, 3
 - b) 1, 4
 - c) 1, 2, 4
 - d) 1, 2, 3, 4

 - 7) Consider the following statements regarding Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR).
 1. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighted assets and current liabilities.
 2. As per RBI norms, Indian scheduled commercial banks are required to maintain the CAR percentage as stated in the Basel III Banking report.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

 - 8) Consider the following statements regarding Development Finance Institutions (DFIs).
 1. Development Finance Institutions provide risk capital for economic development projects mainly on commercial basis.
 2. During the pre-liberalised era, India had DFIs that were primarily engaged in development of industry in the country.
 3. In India, the first DFI was operationalised before Independence, with the setting up of the Industrial Finance Corporation (IFCI).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

 - a) 2 only

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- b) 1, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 2, 3

9) Consider the following statements.

1. External Financing brings in foreign currency that is useful to bridge the Balance of payments (BoP) apart from its utility in developmental expenditures.
2. External Financing cannot be used to bridge the fiscal deficit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) The Recent Budget proposes to privatise two PSU banks this financial year. Which of the following committees had proposed privatisation of PSU banks?

1. Narasimham Committee
2. Naresh Chandra Committee
3. P J Nayak Committee

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 3

11) Consider the following statements.

1. In 2020-21, Corporate tax was the biggest tax revenue source in India.
2. The top receipts under the non-tax revenue for the Union Government are interest and dividends and profits received from public sector companies.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

12) Consider the following statements.

1. Between the 14th and 15th (Finance Commissions), the incidence of cess and surcharge has gone up.
2. A constitutional amendment is required to include Cess and surcharge in the divisible pool of revenue which is distributed between the Centre and the States.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

13) The government in the Budget unveiled the Disinvestment Policy and identified some sectors as strategic sectors which include

1. Atomic energy
2. Transport and Telecommunications
3. Petroleum and Coal
4. Insurance and financial services

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

14) Consider the following statements regarding Finance Commission.

1. Finance Commissions submit their reports for a five-year duration and this duration can be extended based on the macro-economic situations in the country.
2. The recommendations of the Finance Commission are implemented as an order of the President.
3. Only the Finance Commission of the State can increase the financial outlays for their Municipalities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

15) Consider the following statements regarding Transfer payments.

1. Transfer payments are receipts which the residents of a country receive 'for free'.
2. They consist of remittances, gifts and grants.
3. They could be given by the government or by private citizens living abroad

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements:

1. Stagflation is a situation in which the inflation rate is high and at the same time economic growth rate remains steadily high.
2. Deflation refers to the decrease in the general price level of goods and services but inflation rate remains above zero.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

17) Which of the following developments may likely reduce the fiscal deficit?

1. Increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
2. Providing budgetary support to public sector enterprises
3. Waiving off farm loans.
4. Austerity measures should be adopted.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 4
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3

18) A SWIFT Code, sometime seen in the news, is related to

- a) International Banking Transaction
- b) Payment Gateway System
- c) Quick Toll Plaza Electronic Payment
- d) None of the above

19) Consider the following statements regarding National Small Savings Fund (NSSF).

1. All deposits under small savings schemes are credited to the 'National Small Savings Fund' (NSSF).
2. Some part of deposits in the fund is invested in special Government securities as per the norms decided by RBI.
3. The transactions through NSSF impact the fiscal deficit of the Centre directly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 2, 3

2. Ecology and Environment

1) Consider the following statements regarding Sambhar Lake.

1. Sambhar Lake is India's largest inland Salt Lake located in Gujarat.
2. The lake is surrounded by the Aravali hills on all sides.

3. It has been designated as a Ramsar site because it is a key wintering area for tens of thousands of pink flamingos and other birds.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements regarding Environment Impact Assessment (EIA).

1. Environment Impact Assessment in India is statutory backed process by the Environment Impact Assessment Act, 1986.
2. It identifies the environmental, social and economic impacts of a project prior to taking a decision on its implementation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3) Consider the following statements regarding Biofuels.

1. The most common kinds of biofuels in use today are ethanol and biodiesel that represent the first generation of biofuel technology.
2. Ethanol is renewable and made from different kinds of plant materials.
3. Biodiesel is produced by combining alcohol with new and used vegetable oils and animal fats.

3. Biofuels cannot be used as rocket fuels since they have high viscosity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

4) Consider the following statements.

1. Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary located in the Little Rann of Kutch in the Gujarat is one of the last places on earth where the Indian Wild Ass can be spotted.

2. Gujarat is the only abode of both Asiatic lions and Indian wild asses.

3. The Indian wild ass population has seen a marginal decline in the last five years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 3

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Solution: c)

5) Which of the following are the functions of National Tiger Conservation Authority?

1. Preparation of reserve specific tiger conservation plan.
2. Laying down audit report regarding Tiger Conservation before Parliament.
3. According approval for declaring new Tiger Reserves.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) Consider the following statements.

1. None of India's territory directly falls in the Arctic region.
2. Changes in the Arctic will have an effect on India's weather conditions and monsoon patterns.
3. Himadri is India's first permanent Arctic research station located at Svalbard, Norway.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

7) Third generation biofuels are biofuel derived from

1. Algae
2. Food crops
3. Methane

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

8) Gastrodia agnicellus, recently seen in news is

- a) World's largest freshwater species
- b) New snake eel species
- c) Ugliest orchid species
- d) Newly discovered frog species from Western Ghats

9) Consider the following statements.

1. Nilgiri biosphere reserve is the largest protected forest area in India.

2. Nilgiri biosphere reserve is spread across Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.

3. Sigur plateau which sustains elephant populations, connects the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

10) Consider the following statements regarding Asiatic cheetah.

1. Asiatic cheetah is believed to survive today only in China.
2. It is classified as a "critically endangered" species by the IUCN Red List.
3. Asiatic cheetah which once roamed India's vast forests and grasslands, was declared extinct in India in 1950's

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Moyar River Valley, is located in

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala

12) Consider the following statements regarding National Green Tribunal.

1. National Green Tribunal is a statutory body equipped with expertise solely for the purpose of adjudicating environmental cases in the country.
2. The decision of the NGT is binding on the parties, unless they approach the Supreme Court in appeal.
3. NGT cannot grant relief in the form of compensation and damages to affected persons.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

13) The Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) is a program of the

- a) World Bank
- b) International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

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- c) Conservation International
- d) United Nations Environmental Program

14) Consider the following statements regarding Eravikulam National Park.

1. Eravikulam National Park is located along the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.
2. The terrain consists of high-altitude grasslands interspersed with sholas.
3. Anamudi, the highest peak in south India is located here.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

15) Consider the following statements regarding Dhauliganga River.

1. Dhauliganga River meets the Alaknanda River at Rudraprayag.
2. Dhauliganga River passes through the Nanda Devi National Park.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) refers to the flooding that occurs when the water dammed by a glacier or a moraine is released suddenly.
2. The Topography of Hindu Kush Himalayas does not favour the formation of glacial lakes.
3. Synthetic-Aperture Radar imagery can detect changes in water bodies, including new lake formations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

17) Which of the following National parks are part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve?

1. Nagarhole National Park
2. Mudumalai National Park
3. Bandipur National Park
4. Eravikulam National Park

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 4

- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

18) Consider the following statements regarding Pangong Tso Lake.

1. Pangong Tso Lake is an endorheic lake in the Himalayas.
2. It is part of the Indus river basin area.
3. It is under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

19) Consider the following statements.

1. Polymetallic nodules, cobalt-rich manganese crust, hydrothermal deposits and gas hydrates are some of the major resources ocean floors offer.
2. Among the major resources only polymetallic nodules are found in India's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
3. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences that provides and manages oceanic data.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

20) Consider the following statements.

1. Glaciers are the only source of freshwater in the Himalayan ecosystem.
2. There is considerable shrinking of glacial lakes across the Himalayas, in recent decades.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

21) Consider the following statements.

1. When Geomagnetic reversal occur, that animals that use Earth's magnetic field for navigation like sea turtles could get lost during their routine journeys.
2. An increase in the temperature due to climate change can have an impact on the Gender of the sea turtles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

22) Which of the following Tiger Reserves have no Tigers?

1. Dampa Tiger reserve
2. Palamau Tiger reserve
3. Kamlang Tiger Reserve

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) None of the above

23) Forest landscape restoration (FLR) is the ongoing process that involves

1. Managing natural regeneration of forests
2. Enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes
3. Planting of more trees

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 3 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

24) Consider the following statements regarding Leatherback turtle.

1. Leatherback turtle are the largest species of sea turtles, found in all oceans on earth.
2. In India, they are found in the coastal states of Odisha and Maharashtra.
3. They are listed in Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, thereby according it the highest legal protection.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 2, 3

25) Consider the following statements regarding Bottom trawling.

1. Bottom trawling is a method of fishing that involves dragging heavy weighted nets across the sea floor, in an effort to catch fish.
2. Bottom trawling is considered environment friendly and does not affect the marine biodiversity.
3. Majority of the commercial fishing in India is done through the method of Bottom trawling.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3

- d) 1, 3

26) Consider the following statements regarding Flash droughts.

1. Flash droughts are those that occur very quickly, with soil moisture depleting rapidly.
2. In India, more than 70% of the Flash droughts happen during the summer season.
3. Factors like atmospheric anomalies and anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions play an important role in Flash droughts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

27) Consider the following statements.

1. Recently North India witnessed a rise in temperature due to the dominance of the prevailing easterly winds and presence of multiple weather systems over Central India that prevented the cold waves from reaching the northern parts of India.

2. Western Disturbances along the extreme north India will further increase the temperature over Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

28) Consider the following statements.

1. Kailash Range separates the Karakoram Range and Pangong Tso Lake

2. The Kailash Range was the theatre of conflict during the 1962 Chinese offensive, with key battles at Rezang La and Gurung Hill.

3. Ladakh Range is located south of Zaskar Range.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

29) Consider the following statements regarding carbon footprint.

1. Carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases-especially carbon dioxide-released into the atmosphere by a particular human activity.

2. Adopting a plant-based diet will lead to an increase in carbon footprint.

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

30) Consider the following statements.

1. Fog is a phenomenon of small droplets remaining suspended in the air.
2. Western disturbances along the extreme northern India inhibits the development of fog over Delhi-Haryana-Punjab belt.
3. Clear sky conditions accompanied by calm winds during the day allows the fog to persist for longer than normal duration.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

31) Consider the following statements regarding Droughts.

1. Drought is the consequence of a natural reduction in the amount of precipitation over an extended period of time, usually a season or more in length.
2. Drought is often associated with high winds, high temperatures and high relative humidity.
3. Agricultural Drought occurs when available soil moisture is inadequate for healthy crop growth and cause extreme stress and wilting.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1 only

32) Consider the following statements regarding Alaknanda River.

1. The Alaknanda rises in the Satopanth glacier.
2. Alaknanda is met at Devprayag by the Dhaulti Ganga.
3. Nandakini, Pindar, Mandakini and Bhagirathi are the tributaries of Alaknanda River.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

33) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted under

- a) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

b) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

c) Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991

d) Hazardous waste Handling and management act, 1989

34) Consider the following statements.

1. Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) tracks countries' efforts to combat climate change and is published annually by UNEP.
2. UNFCCC can impose penalty if a country fails to meet Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Climate Pact.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Government Schemes and Programmes

- 1) Which of the following are the objective of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)?
1. Providing employment in rural areas.
 2. Providing salable articles.
 3. Creating self-reliance amongst people and building up a strong rural community spirit
 4. Establishing a major khadi industry in every village

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3, 4
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 1, 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

- 2) National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping is under taken by

- a) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- b) Geological Survey of India
- c) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- d) Both a and b

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding 'Drought Management in India'

1. Drought will fall within the definition of "disaster" as defined in Disaster Management Act, 2005.

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2. Central Government is the final authority when it comes to declaring a region as drought affected.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

4) India's Deep Ocean Mission, intends for
1. Development of technologies for underwater vehicles and robotics to assist deep-sea mining.

- 2. Research on deep-sea biodiversity.
- 3. Developing ocean climate advisories to determine the ocean-atmosphere

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

5) The Information Technology Act, 2000 deals with
1. Hate content on the Internet
2. Cyber Crime against women and children
3. Electronic Commerce
4. Electronic Records and Digital Signatures

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

6) Consider the following statements regarding landlord port model.

1. In the landlord port model, the publicly governed port authority acts as a regulatory body that carry out port operations—mainly cargo-handling activities.

2. Here, the port authority maintains ownership of the port.

3. India has acceded to Hong Kong International Convention for Ship Recycling that is aimed at ensuring that ships recycled after reaching the end of their operational lives do not pose any risks to human health, safety and the environment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

7) Consider the following statements regarding Census and Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC).

1. The Census is a statutory exercise and all data collected will be published in the local areas for public scrutiny.

2. All the personal information given in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) is open for use by Government departments to grant and/or restrict benefits to households.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Consider the following statements regarding Enforcement Directorate (ED).

1. ED is appointed on the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister.

2. It functions under the aegis of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

3. It is responsible for tracking black money and hawala trade cases.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 3 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

9) Among the following Acts, an Enforcement Directorate (ED) in India will be most concerned with

- a) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act
- b) Negotiable Instrument Act
- c) Public Debt Act
- d) Prevention of Money Laundering Act

10) Consider the following statements regarding Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2015.

1. The Act allowed the trial of all juveniles in the age group of 16-18 years as adults.

2. The Act streamlined adoption procedures for orphans, abandoned and surrendered children.

3. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) was given the status of a statutory body to enable it to perform its function more effectively.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

11) Consider the following statements regarding Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme.

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1. The scheme is expected to promote the production of high-value products in India and increase the value addition in exports.

2. Under the scheme an incentive will be given on net incremental sales of goods manufactured in India.

3. Pharmaceuticals and IT hardware sectors are included under the PLI scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

4. Science and Technology

1) Which of the following are the main types of noncommunicable diseases?

- 1. Cardiovascular diseases
- 2. Cancer
- 3. Chronic respiratory diseases
- 4. Diabetes

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 1, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

2) The term 'Neural network' sometimes seen in news means

- a) Networking between cells based on their mRNA
- b) A point to point network for urgent assistance in cybercrime matters
- c) A network of disengaged computer clouds
- d) A process that mimics the way the human brain operates.

3) Which of the following are the Bacterial diseases in cattle and buffaloes?

- 1. Anthrax
- 2. Influenza
- 3. Tetanus
- 4. Tuberculosis

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

4) Which of the following is used for control and prevention of spread of animal diseases?

- a) Vaccination
- b) Bio-security
- c) Blood and Urine Examination of animals
- d) All of the above

5) Consider the following statements regarding Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) project.

1. Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) project will be the world's largest radio telescope, once completed.

2. It aims to study the origin and evolution of cosmic magnetism, and dark energy and evolution of galaxies.

3. India is participating in SKAO through the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

6) DNA Profiling is used in which of the following areas?

- 1. Criminal investigations
- 2. Parentage testing
- 3. Genealogical research
- 4. Study of animal and plant populations

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

7) Consider the following statements.

1. Augmented reality (AR) is a combination of real and virtual worlds.

2. Virtual reality completely replaces the user's real-world environment with a simulated one.

3. A Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attack cannot disrupt the user's Virtual reality experiences.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 3 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 3

8) Consider the following statements about Poliomyelitis.

1. It is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children.

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2. The virus is transmitted by person-to-person and spread through contaminated water or food.
3. With latest developments in medicine, Polio disease can be cured.
4. India became the first country globally to introduce fractional doses of IPV in childhood immunisation programme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 4

9) Which of the following space missions are related to the planet Mars?

1. China's Tianwen-1
2. UAE's Hope mission
3. Chang'e-4 mission
4. NASA's Perseverance rover mission

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 2, 4
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 2, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

10) Which of the following are the vaccine-preventable diseases?

1. Dengue
2. Diphtheria
3. Haemophilia
4. Poliomyelitis
5. Common cold

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

11) Blue sky research, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Research on solar geoengineering for reducing heat-trapping clouds
- b) Deep oceanic study on Polymetallic nodules
- c) Scientific research without a clear goal
- d) None of the above

12) Assisted reproductive technology (ART) includes which of the following medical procedures

1. In-vitro fertilization
2. Cryopreservation
3. Surrogacy

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

13) One Health Concept, recently seen in news means

- a) Strategies to prevent Non-communicable diseases
- b) Providing health insurance to all the individuals
- c) Inter-connectivity among human health, animal health, and the environment
- d) Prioritising human health over animal health

14) Consider the following statements regarding Hydrogen technology.

1. Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, and is lighter, energy dense and more efficient than burning petrol.
2. Hydrogen fuel has near zero carbon footprint.
3. Green hydrogen is hydrogen produced by splitting water by electrolysis.
4. Hydrogen fuel is very safe because of very low explosion risk.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2, 3
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

15) Consider the following pairs:

1. Grey hydrogen: Hydrogen generated from fossil fuels with carbon capture and storage options.
2. Blue hydrogen: Hydrogen not produced from fossil fuels
3. Green hydrogen: Hydrogen generated entirely from renewable power sources

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Hydrogen exists only combined with other elements, and has to be extracted from naturally occurring compounds like water.
2. Hydrogen fuel must be transformed into electricity by a fuel cell before it can be used to power a car or truck.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. International Relations and Organisations

1) Consider the following statements regarding Arctic Council.

1. Arctic Council is an intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by the Arctic governments and the indigenous people of the Arctic.

2. Russia, Canada, United Kingdom and Norway are the members of the Arctic Council.

3. India has the Observer status in Arctic Council.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

2) Which of the following country is not a member of Gulf Co-operation Council?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Oman
- c) United Arab Emirates
- d) Iran

3) Which of the following countries are the members of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)?

- 1. Afghanistan
- 2. Bhutan
- 3. Myanmar
- 4. Bangladesh
- 5. Sri Lanka

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 1, 2, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

4) Consider the following statements regarding Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

1. Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) is a not-for-profit international arbitration organisation which administers arbitrations under United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules.

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2. Under the rules of SIAC, parties can move SIAC to appoint an emergency arbitrator to get urgent interim relief.

3. India has the track record of referring minimum number of cases to SIAC in the South-Asian region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

5) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) does not cover which of these rights?

- a) Freedom of assembly
- b) Right to fair trial
- c) Electoral rights
- d) Right to livelihood and employment

6) World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship event of

- a) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- b) World Bank
- c) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- d) World Economic Forum

7) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations specialized agencies.

1. Specialized Agencies are legally independent international organizations with their own rules, membership, organs and financial resources.

2. None of these agencies existed before the First World War, but some were associated with the League of Nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Tibet Policy and Support Act, recently seen in news is the policy of

- a) China
- b) United States of America
- c) India
- d) Japan

9) Consider the following statements.

1. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is a permanent intergovernmental body that aims to maximize the trade, investment and development opportunities of developing countries and assist

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them in their efforts to integrate into the world economy on an equitable basis.

2. An 'investment trends monitor' issued by UNCTAD provides the details of the global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) growth.

3. Only India and China recorded positive FDI growth in 2020.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

10) Sinjar Mountains, sometimes seen in news lies in

- a) Iraq and Iran
- b) Iraq and Jordan
- c) Iraq and Syria
- d) Syria and Turkey

11) Brent Crude is often used as a benchmark for the prices of crude oils. It is found in parts of the North Sea off the coast of

- a) Finland and Sweden
- b) U.K. and Norway
- c) British Isles island in Ireland
- d) Biscay near France

6. Polity

1) Consider the following statements.

1. The Constitution gives the President of India the power to address either House or a joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament.

2. When the Constitution came into force, the President was required to address each session of Parliament.

3. The 42nd Amendment of the Constitution made that the President shall address both Houses of Parliament only once a year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

2) Consider the following statements regarding Public Account of India.

1. Public Account of India accounts for flows for those transactions where the Union government acts as a banker.

2. It includes state provident funds and small savings deposits.

3. Expenditures from Public Account of India require the approval of the parliament.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2 only
- d) 2, 3

3) Consider the following statements regarding National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

1. National Commission for Backward Classes is a non-constitutional body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2. The commission was the outcome of Indra Sawhney & Ors. Vs. Union of India.

3. The commission considers inclusions in and exclusions from the lists of communities notified as backward for the purpose of job reservations.

4. The commission have the same powers as a Civil Court.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3, 4
- c) 3, 4
- d) 1, 3, 4

4) Puttaswamy judgement is a landmark judgment of the Supreme Court of India that mainly deals with

- a) Right to life
- b) Uniform Civil Code
- c) Right to privacy
- d) Constitutionality of reservations

5) Consider the following statements.

1. According to the Indian Constitution, all lands, minerals and other things of value underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or the continental shelf of India vest in the Indian Union.

2. India has sovereign rights over the resources in its exclusive economic zone.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

6) Article 239A of the Constitution deals with

- a) Special provisions with respect to Delhi
- b) High Courts for Union territories
- c) Power of the Parliament to create a legislature for Union Territories.
- d) Power of President to make regulations for Union territories

8. States

- 7) Consider the following statements regarding Puducherry Legislative Assembly.
1. The Puducherry Legislative Assembly is the unicameral legislature.
 2. The members of the legislative assembly are both elected directly by the people on the basis of universal adult franchise and nominated by the Government of India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 8) Consider the following statements.
1. During the election period, the Election Commission of India (ECI) can order the government to observe election related guidelines.
 2. ECI can send Border Security Force (BSF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to states ahead of the Assembly elections to maintain law and order during the election campaign.
 3. When on election duty, government officers work under the control of the ECI and not the government.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2
 - b) 1, 3
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 2, 3

7. History, Art and Culture

- 1) Jaapi is a traditional folk culture of
- a) Jharkhand
 - b) Assam
 - c) Kerala
 - d) Tamil Nadu
- 2) The Pagri Sambhal Jatta Movement, during the British period is related to
- a) Socio-religious reform movement
 - b) Farmers' agitation against British laws.
 - c) Restrictions on sell of forest produce by the British.
 - d) None of the above

- 1) The states which is/are the major producer(s) of pulses in India include
1. Kerala
 2. Uttarakhand
 3. Madhya Pradesh
 4. Manipur
- Select the correct answer code
- a) 1, 3
 - b) 3 only
 - c) 2, 4
 - d) 1, 3, 4

- 2) Consider the following statements.
1. India successfully achieved the Millennium Development Goals on good health and well-being.
 2. Government of India cannot hold State Governments responsible and accountable for their poor performance in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
 3. In terms of fertility rate Kerala and Tamil Nadu have achieved the Replacement level fertility.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2
 - b) 3 only
 - c) 2, 3
 - d) 1, 3

9. Reports and Indices

- 1) Global Hunger Index (GHI) scores are calculated each year to assess progress and setbacks in combating hunger. The GHI scores are based on a formula that captures which of these dimensions of hunger
1. Undernourishment
 2. Child wasting
 3. Child stunting
 4. Child mortality
- Select the correct answer code:
- a) 1, 2, 3
 - b) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - c) 2, 3, 4
 - d) 1, 3, 4
- 2) The Global Gender Gap Index, as part of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report, measures progress towards parity

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between men and women in which of these indicators?

1. Educational attainment
2. Health and survival
3. Inter-generational distribution
4. Political empowerment

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 2, 4
- c) 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

10. Maps / Places

1) The countries bordering Myanmar are

1. Thailand
2. Malaysia
3. Laos
4. Bangladesh
5. Vietnam

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3, 4
- b) 1, 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5
- d) 2, 3, 4, 5

2) The correct order of these capitals from West Asia from West to East would be:

1. Damascus (Syria)
2. Ankara (Turkey)
3. Baghdad (Iraq)
4. Baku (Azerbaijan)

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- a) 2134
- b) 1243
- c) 2143
- d) 1234

3) Nations sharing a coastline with the Red Sea include

1. Jordan
2. Sudan
3. Yemen
4. Oman

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 4

4) Arrange the following locations from south to north.

1. Palk Bay
2. Palk Strait
3. Gulf of Mannar
4. Adam's Bridge

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 3-4-2-1
- b) 3-4-1-2
- c) 4-3-1-2
- d) 4-3-2-1

5) The region that is closest to the shores of both the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea is

- a) Rostov
- b) Athens
- c) Istanbul
- d) Beirut

6) Hagia Sophia and Chora, sometimes seen in news is located in

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Turkey
- d) Iran

7) Consider the following statements:

1. Nepal shares boundary with five Indian states.
2. The Sharda River demarcates Nepal's eastern border with India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

8) Arrange the following ports from North to South.

1. Kyaukpyu Port
2. Gwadar Port
3. Sabang Port

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1-3-2
- b) 1-2-3
- c) 2-1-3
- d) 2-3-1

9) Which of the following regions are associated with Line of Actual Control (LAC) dispute between India and China?

1. Galwan Valley
2. Gogra heights
3. Hot Springs
4. Depsang Plains
5. Pangong Tso lake

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 3, 4, 5

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- c) 2, 3, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

10) Arrange the following Great Lakes of North America from West to East

1. Erie
2. Michigan
3. Superior
4. Huron
5. Ontario

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 3-4-2-1-5
- b) 3-2-4-1-5
- c) 4-2-3-1-5
- d) 2-3-1-4-5

11) Borneo Island is politically divided among

1. Malaysia
2. Brunei
3. Indonesia

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

12) Katchatheevu was a disputed territory between

- a) India and Nepal
- b) India and Sri Lanka
- c) India and Maldives
- d) India and Bangladesh

13) Consider the following statements regarding Sinai Peninsula.

1. It is located in Africa.
2. It is situated between the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Red Sea to the south.

3. It acts as a land bridge between Asia and Africa.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

14) Consider the following statements.

1. Adam's Bridge separates Palk Bay from the Gulf of Mannar.
2. The island of Rameswaram is linked to the Indian mainland by the Pamban Bridge.
3. No Indian river flows into Palk strait.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

11. Miscellaneous

1) Consider the following statements.

1. Among the 75 listed PVTG's the highest number are found in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. Jarawas are the tribal people dominant in all the parts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2